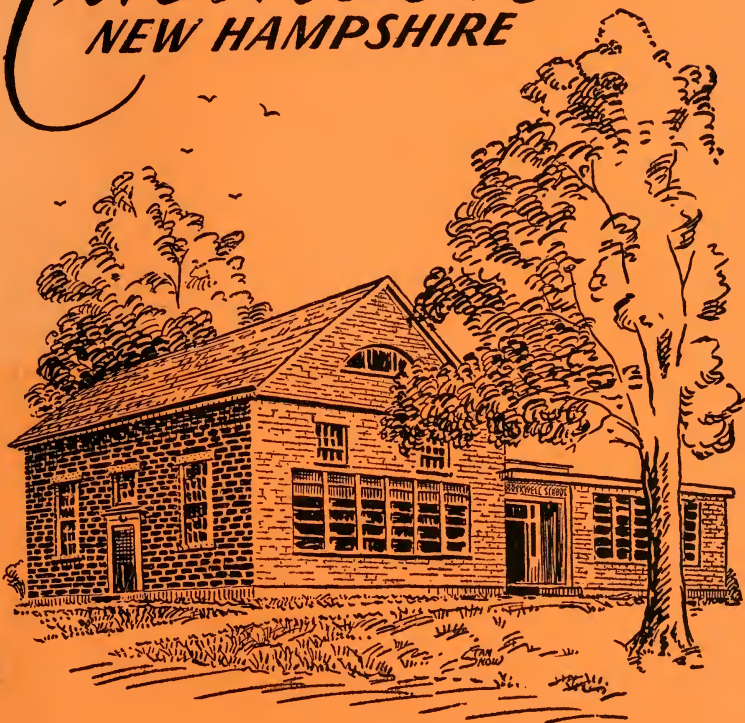


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NEW HAMPSHIRE

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*For the Year Ending  
December 31, 1953*



# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## Town of Atkinson, N. H.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31,

# 1953

TOGETHER WITH REPORT OF SCHOOLS FOR THE  
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1953 AND VITAL  
STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
DECEMBER 31, 1953



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## TOWN OFFICERS

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### *Moderator*

Harry B. Tuttle

### *Board of Selectmen*

Ernest R. Scott	Term Expires 1956
George W. White	Term Expires 1955
Robert A. Griffin	Term Expires 1954

### *Town Clerk and Town Treasurer*

Ruth L. Sawyer

### *Tax Collector*

Harry B. Tuttle

### *Ballot Inspectors*

Ava M. Bailey	Etta L. Nye
Flora Currier	Gladys G. Wood

### *Supervisors of the Check List*

Mildred Illsley	Allister F. MacDonald
Ethlyn McKenna	

### *Constable*

Wilbur Moody

### *Police Officers*

Wilbur Moody, Chief of Police

Wilbur Moody (Dog Officer)	Harry B. Tuttle
Walter S. Brock	Wilfred Senter
Warren Kolb	Edgar Smith
Malcolm C. Noyes	

### *Special Police*

Ruth L. Sawyer  
Robert S. Hotchkiss

*Highway Agent*

Daniel Stewart

*Sexton*

Daniel Stewart

*Trustees of Trust Funds*

Arthur H. Sawyer	Term Expires 1956
Benjamin O. Wood	Term Expires 1955
Gladys James	Term Expires 1954

*Library Trustees*

Anita Hamilton	Term Expires 1956
Marjorie Barnum	Term Expires 1955
Florence Scott	Term Expires 1954

*Auditors*

Harlon C. Dyke	Philo Hutcheson
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*Health Officer*

L. Ruth Gould, R.N.

*Memorial Day Committee*

Kenneth H. Hurteau	Wilfred Senter
George Rollins	George W. White

*Surveyors of Wood and Lumber*

Martin M. Feuer	Warren Kolb
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*Fence Viewers*

Leslie Rockwell	Henry L. Nye
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*Atkinson Fire Department*

To Report a Fire Dial 2-8440

1954 Directorate

*Administrative*

Allister F. MacDonald	President
Donald Nye	Vice-President
Kingdon H. Hamilton	Secretary
Austin B. Wason	Treasurer

*Executive*

Wilbur R. Moody	Chief
Clarence W. Kinney	Deputy Chief
Robert A. Griffin	Engineer
Kenneth H. Hurteau	Engineer
Warren E. Kolb	Engineer
Kenneth H. Hurteau	Maintenance Supervisor

## MEMBERS

Robert H. Bailey	Malcolm C. Noyes
Leroy D. Barnum	Donald H. Nye
Robert Griffin	Earl Pratt
Robert S. Hotchkiss	Elgin E. Reynolds
Kingdon H. Hamilton	Howard M. Richards, Jr.
Kenneth H. Hurteau	David J. Rockwell
Clarence W. Kinney	George Rollins
Warren E. Kolb	Wilfred Senter
William B. Little	Halbert K. Swift
Allister F. MacDonald	Bernard Toshach
Hubbard McEwen	Austin B. Wason
Wilbur R. Moody	

*Honorary Members*

Leslie Rockwell	Edwin Wilson, USNR
Carroll Still	Meredith Reynolds, USNR

## TOWN OF ATKINSON

## TOWN WARRANT

## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Atkinson, in the County of Rockingham, in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Grange Hall in said Atkinson on Tuesday, the ninth day of March, next at one o'clock in the afternoon and close not earlier than seven P. M.

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

3. To raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 (four hundred dollars) for rent of the Grange Hall for use of Town and School purposes, also for community, recreational and educational meetings to be held under the following conditions for the ensuing year: (a) no meeting to be over 4 hours duration; (b) meetings not to exceed 3 per month, except under special circumstances; (c) paid entertainment sponsored by the aforesaid groups to be charged for at the rate of \$4.00 per meeting to be paid for by the groups, to the Atkinson Grange Hall Committee; (d) all arrangements for meetings to be approved by the Selectmen and the Hall Janitor; (e) the meetings to be properly chaperoned.

4. To raise and appropriate the sum of \$150.00 to renew fire and liability insurance on the Academy Building.

5. To raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 (one thousand dollars) to pay Note No. 95 for Island Pond Road.



6. By request of the Forestry Commission. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 (four hundred dollars) for control of White Pine Blister Rust.

7. To raise and appropriate the sum of \$150.00 (one hundred and fifty dollars) to purchase markers to be placed on the graves of Veterans of all wars interred in Town cemeteries.

8. To raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 (five hundred dollars) which includes the amount required by law for Kimball Public Library.

9. To see if the Town will vote to give 2% (two percent) discount on present year's taxes if paid within 30 (thirty) days of receipt of warrant.

10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to distribute the blank inventories at the time they examine and appraise the property to be taxed.

11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to hire such sums of money as the Town will need in anticipation of taxes.

12. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 (two hundred dollars) to gravel dirt roads.

13. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.00 (six hundred dollars) to buy snow plow.

14. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 (three hundred dollars) to cut brush and mow grass.

15. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$150.00 (one hundred and fifty dollars) to move hearse house from Old Cemetery to rear of Fire House, or to raise Three Hundred and Fifty dollars (\$350.00) to build shed on Fire House.

16. To raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 (one hundred dollars) to replace and repair railings on culverts.

17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500.00 (seven thousand five hundred dollars) to be raised by bond issue, for a new fire truck.

18. If Article 17 is adopted, to see if the Town will authorize the Fire Department on behalf of the Town, the authority to sell the Ford Fire Truck, the proceeds to revert to the Town to help defray the cost of Article 17.

19. To see if the Town will vote to reserve for the Fire Department 100 (one hundred) feet from the Fire Station toward the Kimball Library, thence 140 (one hundred and forty) feet toward New Cemetery, thence 130 (one hundred and thirty) feet more or less to the line of the property held by Harlon C. Dyke. This property to be under the jurisdiction of the Fire Department.

20. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Fire Department to remodel the Fire Station at no expense to the Town and to allow the Fire Department to rent said building, the money derived therefrom reverting to the Fire Department for the upkeep of the building.

21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 (two hundred dollars) to gravel and repair Willow Vale. Interested citizens will remove brush on both sides of the road without cost to the Town.

22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30.00 (thirty dollars) for street signs that could not be found or damaged beyond repair.

23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00 (four thousand dollars) to resurface and tar Providence Hill, to be paid for in four yearly payments, \$1,000.00 (one thousand dollars) to be raised this year.

24. To see if the Town will vote to adopt a plan for extending to employees of the Town the benefits of Title 11 of the Federal Social Security Act (Old Age and Survivors Insurance) as authorized by Chapter 234 of the Laws of 1951 and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 (fifty dollars) to defray the Town's share of the cost thereof.

25. If the foregoing article is adopted, to see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to execute on behalf of the Town the necessary agreement with the State of New Hampshire to carry into effect the plan and to see if the Town will designate

the Town Treasurer as the officer to be responsible for the administration of the plan.

26. By request. To see if the Town will vote to change the name of Maple Avenue back to Newbury Hill Road.

27. To hear reports of Town Officers and Committees, act on same and transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Business meeting will be adjourned until Saturday evening, March 13, 1954, at 8 o'clock.

Given under our hands and seal, this eleventh day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-four.

GEORGE W. WHITE,  
ROBERT A. GRIFFIN,  
ERNEST R. SCOTT,

*Selectmen of Atkinson.*

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

GEORGE W. WHITE,  
ROBERT A. GRIFFIN,  
ERNEST R. SCOTT,

*Selectmen of Atkinson.*

## BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF ATKINSON, N. H.

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Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954. Compared with Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures of the Previous Year January 1, 1953 to December 31, 1953.

### SOURCES OF REVENUE

	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1953	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1953	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1954
From State:			
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$800.00	\$1,060.75	\$800.00
Railroad Tax	4.00	4.98	4.00
Savings Bank Tax	12.00	11.36	12.00
Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assistance		67.31	
Head Tax Refund		10.43	
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Dog Licenses	250.00	347.00	250.00
Interest Received on Taxes and Deposits	40.00	47.01	40.00
Fire Damage		197.31	
Yield Tax	200.00		200.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	1,200.00	2,127.67	1,200.00
Telephone Toll		5.15	
Sale of Town Property		50.00	
Cemetery Lots		10.00	
Revolver Permits	3.00	4.50	3.00
Refund Community Fair		75.00	
Atkinson Firemen's Fund		103.42	
Derry Bank Account closed		1,086.85	
Amount Raised by Issue of Bonds or Notes:			
Anticipation of Taxes		2,000.00	

From Local Taxes Other Than

Property Taxes:

Poll Taxes—Regular @ \$2	450.00	490.00	450.00
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Total Revenues From All Sources

Except Property Taxes	\$2,959.00	\$7,698.74	\$2,959.00
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Total Revenues

\$2,959.00

## PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES

## Current Maintenance Expenses:

	Appropriations Previous Year 1953	Actual Exp'ditures Previous Year 1953	Estimated Exp'ditures Ensuing Year 1954
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$1,500.00	\$1,410.91	\$1,500.00
Town Officers' Expenses	850.00	1,363.02	900.00
Election and Registration Expenses	100.00	79.40	200.00
Selectmen's Special Expenses Town Hall and Other	300.00	138.58	300.00
Town Buildings	400.00	400.00	400.00
Protection of Persons & Property:			
Police Department	350.00	338.48	350.00
Fire Department	1,500.00	1,765.20	2,000.00
Spraying	250.00	255.00	250.00
Moth Extermination—Blister Rust and Care of Trees	400.00	400.00	400.00
Forest Fires	150.00	227.95	150.00
Dog Officer	25.00	35.00	35.00
Health:			
Health Department including Hospitals	25.00		25.00
Vital Statistics	25.00		35.00
Remove Dutch Elm Disease	200.00	48.00	200.00
Town Dump	300.00	286.98	400.00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Maintenance—Summer	800.00	414.11	1,000.00
Town Maintenance—Winter	1,800.00	1,159.73	2,000.00
Street Lighting	800.00	762.74	850.00
General Expenses of Highway Department	200.00	217.04	250.00

## TOWN OF ATKINSON

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Town Road Aid	200.53	200.53	180.44
Insurance—Town Employees	200.00	200.60	200.00
Libraries	200.00	200.27	500.00
Public Welfare :			
Town Poor	1,500.00	1,320.86	1,500.00
Old Age Assistance	1,800.00	1,812.61	2,000.00
Patriotic Purposes :			
Memorial Day and Veterans' Associations	150.00	162.76	200.00
Aid to Soldiers and Their Families	50.00		50.00
Recreation :			
Parks and Playgrounds	20.00	20.00	20.00
Public Service Enterprises :			
Cemeteries	300.00	300.75	400.00
Unclassified :			
Damage and Legal Expenses Including Dog Damage	50.00	5.00	50.00
Abatements Refunded	37.53	37.53	
Interest :			
On Long Term Notes and Bonds	50.00	50.00	25.00
Trans. Bank Bal. to Haverhill		1,086.85	
Anticipation of Taxes		2,000.00	
Highways and Bridges :			
Resurface Tar Roads	3,000.00	3,447.63	3,000.00
Tar and Gravel Roads	500.00	718.34	
Sidewalk Construction	500.00	502.45	
Community Fair	75.00	75.00	
Repairing Road Signs	50.00	64.55	
Emergency—Poverty Street		135.60	
Payment on Principal of Debt :			
(a) Long Term Notes	2,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
(b) Head Tax		1,747.46	
(c) Tax Sale	1,029.05	1,029.05	

## Payments to Other Governmental

## Divisions:

County Taxes	1,885.92	1,885.92
School Taxes	20,369.87	25,369.87

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Total Expenditures	\$39,675.80	\$52,675.77	\$19,700.44
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## REPORT OF FIRE ENGINEERS

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During the year 1953 the Fire Department answered Twenty-five calls. Ten of these calls were for grass and brush fires. Two car fires, five chimney fires, one of which caused smoke damage to interior of house. Three house fires and one refrigerator fire and four out of town calls. Damage from the house fires amounted to \$32,300.00 for the year 1953.

Five hundred feet of hose was purchased and an extra fifty dollars was spent for this item over the appropriation for treating the hose. In the future all of the hose that is purchased will be treated for longer wear.

The Department has purchased coats, hats and boots at a cost to exceed \$1,000.00 for the entire personnel of the Department. This money was raised by projects and donations.

The Board of Engineers and I wish to thank the townspeople for their interest and cooperation during the year 1953.

Respectfully submitted,

WILBUR R. MOODY,

*Chief of the Board of Engineers.*

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## REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

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During the year 1953 the Police Department received 67 (sixty-seven) complaints of various descriptions. A number of Motor Vehicle violations were prosecuted in Plaistow Municipal Court. Through the cooperation of the parents, Hallowe'en damage was held at a minimum. Juvenile complaints were two less than last year.

Respectfully submitted,

WILBUR R. MOODY,

*Chief.*

## VALUATION

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Lands and Buildings	
(Exclusive of Growing Wood and Timber)	\$750,615.00
Electric Plants	33,750.00
Horses, Asses and Mules (9)	450.00
Cows (157)	19,625.00
Other Neat Stock (15)	1,105.00
Sheep and Goats (10)	150.00
Fowl (2,740)	3,425.00
Portable Mills (1)	100.00
Wood, Lumber, etc.	14,590.00
Stock in Trade	2,250.00
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Total Gross Valuation	\$826,060.00
Less Soldiers' Exemptions	40,760.00
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Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is Computed	\$785,300.00

**SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY**

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Hall Equipment	\$80.00
Library, Land and Buildings	4,000.00
Library Equipment	1,500.00
Police Department	20.00
Fire Department: Land and Buildings	2,500.00
Equipment	2,500.00
Highway Equipment	1,000.00

*Property Acquired Through Tax Collector's Deeds*

Clara J. Hall, 1 Acre, Pope Road	\$5.00
Kenneth Morrison, 1 Acre White Land	6.00
Arthur Cote, Town Property	20.00
Nellie Hayes, Heirs, Town Property	8.00
Peter St. Peter, Heirs, Town Property	12.00

## APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED FOR 1953

Town Officers' Salaries	\$1,500.00
Town Officers' Expenses	850.00
Election and Registration Expenses	100.00
Selectmen's Special	300.00
Town Hall and Buildings Maintenance	400.00
Police Department	350.00
Fire Department \$1,000.00—Forest Fires \$150.00	1,150.00
Fire Hose	500.00
Blister Rust—Moth Extermination (Spraying)	250.00
Health Department	25.00
Dump and Garbage Collection	300.00
Vital Statistics	25.00
Town Road Aid	200.53
Town Maintenance—Summer	800.00
Town Maintenance—Winter	1,800.00
Meditation Lane—Removing Curve	500.00
Tar and Gravel Roads	500.00
General Expense of Highway Department	200.00
Remove Deceased Elms	200.00
Resurface Tarred Roads	200.00
Insurance, Highway Employees	200.60
Repainting Road Signs	50.00
Street Lighting	800.00
Libraries	200.00
Old Age Assistance	1,800.00
Town Poor	1,500.00
Soldiers' Aid	50.00
Memorial Day, Veterans' Associations	150.00
Parks and Playgrounds	20.00
Cemeteries	300.00
Damages and Legal Expenses	50.00
Payments on Principal of Debt	1,000.00
Interest	50.00

## TOWN OF ATKINSON

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County Tax	1,885.92
School Tax	17,127.17

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Total Town and School Appropriations	\$35,334.22
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## Less: Estimated Revenues and Credits:

Interest and Dividend Tax	\$1,053.13
Railroad Tax	4.00
Savings Bank Tax	12.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fee	1,400.00
Dog Licenses	250.00
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber	20.00
Int. on Taxes and Income from Trust Funds	40.00
Cash Surplus	4,300.00
Yield Tax	200.00
Business License and Permits	3.00

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Total Revenues and Credits	\$7,282.13
Plus Overlay	535.51

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Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation	\$31,862.00
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Less: 225 Poll Taxes at \$2.00	450.00
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Amount to be raised by property taxes on which tax rate is to be figured	\$31,412.00
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## TAXES TO BE COMMITTED TO COLLECTOR:

Property Taxes	\$31,412.00
Poll Taxes	450.00

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Total Taxes to be Committed	\$31,862.00
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## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

### *Liabilities*

Due Atkinson School District from Appropriation	\$12,127.17
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### *Outstanding Notes*

No. 95 Due Nov. 28, 1954	1,000.00
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Total	\$13,127.17
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### *Assets*

Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1953	\$18,099.97
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#### Uncollected Taxes :

Yield 1951	\$28.00	\$28.00
Property 1952	47.00	
Yield	64.60	
	\$111.60	

Property 1953	\$293.00	
Poll	44.00	
Head	115.00	
	\$452.00	
	\$18,691.57	

#### Unredeemed :

1951	\$133.06	
1952	656.13	
1953	1,029.05	
	\$1,818.24	
	\$20,509.81	

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH L. SAWYER,

*Town Clerk and Town Treasurer.*

# REPORT OF HARRY B. TUTTLE

## TAX COLLECTOR

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### Dr.

## Levy of 1951:

Uncollected, Jan. 1, 1953	\$102.20
Added Taxes	32.50

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Total Debits	\$134.70
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## Cr.

Collected and paid Treasurer	\$102.70
Abated	4.00
Uncollected, Dec. 31, 1953	28.00
Total Credits	<hr/> \$134.70

## Dr.

## Levy of 1952:

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1953	\$375.35
Property Taxes	36.00
Poll Taxes	507.40
Yield Taxes	\$918.75
Added Taxes	72.50
Interest and Summons Collected	14.46

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Total Debits	\$1,005.71
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## Cr.

## Collected and paid Treasurer:

Property Taxes	\$361.85
Poll Taxes	38.00
Yield Taxes	477.80
Interest and Summons	14.46
Abatements	2.00
Uncollected, Dec. 31, 1953	111.60
Total Credits	<hr/> \$1,005.71

## Dr.

Levy of 1953:

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	\$31,328.03
Poll Taxes	530.00
Timber Yield Taxes	136.50
Added Taxes—Poll Taxes	4.00
Interest and Summons Collected	22.55

Total Debits	<u>\$32,021.08</u>
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## Cr.

Collected and paid Treasurer:

Property Taxes	\$30,518.79
Poll Taxes	490.00
Yield Taxes	136.50
Discounts Allowed	344.24
Abatements	172.00
Interest and Summons	22.55

Uncollected, Dec. 31, 1953:

Property Taxes	293.00
Poll Taxes	44.00

Total Credits	<u>\$32,021.08</u>
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*State Head Tax*

## Dr.

Levy of 1951:

Uncollected, Jan. 1, 1953	\$5.00
Penalty Collected	.50

Total Debits	<u>\$5.50</u>
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## Cr.

Collected and paid Treasurer

Penalty	.50
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Total Credits	<u>\$5.50</u>
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## Dr.

Levy of 1952:

Uncollected, Jan. 1, 1953	\$110.00
Added Taxes	20.00



Penalties Collected		11.00
Total Debits		<u>\$141.00</u>
	Cr.	
Collected and paid Treasurer	\$120.00	
Penalties Collected	11.00	
Abatements	10.00	
Total Credits	<u></u>	\$141.00
Levy of 1953:		
	Dr.	
Original Warrant		\$1,595.00
Added Taxes		15.00
Penalties Collected		11.50
Total Debits		<u>\$1,621.50</u>
	Cr.	
Collected and paid Treasurer	\$1,480.00	
Abatements	15.00	
Penalties	11.50	
Uncollected, Dec. 31, 1953	115.00	
Total Credits	<u></u>	\$1,621.50

*Tax Sales Account*

	Dr.			
	1953	1952	1951	1950
Taxes Sold to Town				
During Year	\$1,029.05			
Unredeemed, 1/1/'53		\$1,795.90	\$982.91	\$79.47
Interest Collected				
After Sale		43.15	99.72	23.21
Total Debits	<u>\$1,029.05</u>	<u>\$1,839.05</u>	<u>\$1,082.63</u>	<u>\$102.68</u>
	Cr.			
Collected and paid				
Treasurer		\$1,152.18	\$879.58	\$38.66
Deeded to Town		30.74	69.99	64.02
Unredeemed,				
12/31/'53	\$1,029.05	656.13	133.06	
Total Credits	<u>\$1,029.05</u>	<u>\$1,839.05</u>	<u>\$1,082.63</u>	<u>\$102.68</u>

I hereby certify that the above Tax Lists and Tax Sales Accounts, as of December 31, 1953, are correct according to my best knowledge and belief.

HARRY B. TUTTLE,

*Tax Collector.*

**REPORT OF AUDITORS**

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This is to certify that we have examined the accounts of Selectmen, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Trustees of Trust Funds and Trustees of Todd Poor Fund for the year ending December 31, 1953, and find them correctly cast with vouchers.

HARLON C. DYKE,

PHILO A. HUTCHESON,

*Auditors.*

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*William C. Todd Fund*

Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1949	\$1,106.02
Interest added July 16, 1952	84.09
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	\$1,190.11
Withdrawn July 16, 1952—Dr. Moore	25.00
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Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1953	\$1,165.11
Interest added Feb. 9, 1954	50.22
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Balance on hand Feb. 9, 1954	\$1,215.33

## TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

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### SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1953	\$27,727.09	
Note, Haverhill National Bank	1,993.00	
Fire damage returns	197.31	
O.A.A. Recovery	67.31	
Cemetery Lot	10.00	
Dog License	347.00	
Revolver Permits	4.50	
Tel. Toll	5.15	
Snow Plowing, Derry, N. H.	30.00	
State of N. H., Int. & Div.	1,060.75	
Savings Banks	11.36	
R.R. Tax	4.98	
Sale Tax Title Land	50.00	
Derry Bank Acct. closed	1,086.85	
Atkinson Firemen's Fund	103.42	
Community Fair Returns	75.00	
State Head Tax Refund	10.43	
State White Pine Blister Refund	2.85	
Auto Permits	2,127.67	
	<hr/>	\$34,914.67
Tax Collector, Harry B. Tuttle:		
Property 1951	\$102.70	
Head	5.00	
	<hr/>	\$107.70
Poll 1952	\$38.00	
Property	361.85	
Head	120.00	
Yield	477.80	
	<hr/>	\$997.65
Interest	\$10.86	
Penalty	11.50	

## TOWN OF ATKINSON

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Summons	3.60	
	<hr/>	\$25.96
Poll 1953	\$490.00	
Property	30,518.79	
Head	1,480.00	
Yield	136.50	
	<hr/>	\$32,625.29
Interest	\$6.15	
Penalty	11.50	
Summons	16.40	
	<hr/>	\$34.05
		<hr/>
		\$33,790.65
Redeemed Tax Sales :		
1952	\$1,109.03	
1951	779.86	
1950	15.45	
	<hr/>	\$1,904.34
Interest	\$166.08	
	<hr/>	\$166.08
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Total		\$70,775.74
Less Selectmen's Orders Paid		52,675.77
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Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1953		\$18,099.97

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH L. SAWYER,

*Town Clerk and Town Treasurer.*

## DETAILED STATEMENT

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### *Town Officers' Salaries*

Philo Hutcheson, Auditor	\$25.00
Harlon C. Dyke, Auditor	25.00
Ruth L. Sawyer, Town Clerk and Town Treasurer	284.40
Ernest R. Scott, Selectman	175.00
Robert A. Griffin, Selectman	175.00
George W. White, Chairman Selectmen	350.00
Harry B. Tuttle, Tax Collector	376.51
	\$1,410.91

### *Town Officers' Expenses*

New England Tel. & Tel.	\$46.93
D. J. Casey Paper Co., Supplies	22.02
Edson Eastman Co., Supplies	59.85
Record Press, Publishers	369.80
Exeter & Hampton Elec. Co., Heater, Selectmen's Room	16.95
John D. Osgood, Thermostat	6.95
U. S. Auto & Truck Guide	7.00
Ass'n. of N. H. Assessors, Dues	3.00
Brown & Saltmarsh, Cash Book	10.24
Harlon C. Dyke, Auditor's Expense	.50
Ruth L. Sawyer, Supplies and Expenses	208.44
Wheeler & Clark, Supplies	18.79
Robert Hotchkiss, Toll Calls	3.66
Haverhill Gazette	2.07
Arthur H. Sawyer, Insurance	125.53
Harry B. Tuttle, Supplies & Expenses	73.27
John W. A. Green, Deeds, etc.	23.00
Burley Swan, Rent of Boat	10.00
N. H. Tax Collectors' Ass'n., Dues	3.00
Daniel Stewart, Road Meeting	10.00

N. H. Clerks' Ass'n., Dues	2.00
Haverhill National Bank, Check Book	4.75
George W. White, Chairman,	
Perambulation, Hampstead Line, 3 Days	30.00
Perambulation, Derry Line	12.00
Perambulation, Salem Line	10.00
Trip to Portsmouth, Welfare	10.00
3 Trips to Concord	30.00
Road Meeting, Manchester	10.00
Tax Meeting, Exeter	7.50
Toll Calls	3.45
Robert W. Griffin	
Perambulation, Hampstead Line, 3 Days	30.00
Perambulation, Derry Line	10.00
Tax Meeting, Exeter	7.50
Ernest R. Scott	
Perambulation, Hampstead Line, 3 Days	30.00
Perambulation, Derry Line	10.00
Tax Meeting and Car to Exeter	10.00
Use of Car, Assessing, 10 Days	25.00

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 \$1,263.20

### *Election and Registration*

Ava M. Bailey	\$10.00
Flora Currier	5.00
Rush-A-Service, Ballots	19.40
Mildred V. Illsley	15.00
Ethlyn McKenna	15.00
Philip McKenna	5.00
Etta Nye	5.00
Gladys Wood	5.00

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 \$79.40

### *Police Department*

#### Police Work

Wilbur Moody, Chief	\$132.98
Warren Kolb	48.00
Wilfred Senter	52.00
Malcolm C. Noyes	89.00
Fred Bishop	15.00

Fred B. Smith	1.50	
	<hr/>	\$338.48

*Insurance of Town Employees*

Arthur H. Sawyer		\$200.60
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*Fire Department*

New England Tel. & Tel., House		
Phone & Red Network	\$228.01	
K. H. Dustin, Oil	89.09	
Exeter & Hampton Elec. Co.	18.85	
Church's Service Station	32.64	
Smith Fire Equipment Co.	876.61	
Clarence Kinney, Supplies and Labor	51.54	
Wilbur Moody, Misc. Supplies	5.04	
Burns Automotive Supply	44.49	
Fyr Fyter Co., Hose	200.00	
Mass. Bonding Co., Insurance	82.80	
Clifford S. Gordon	71.72	
Demers Plate Glass	17.50	
Skelley Motor Co.	2.60	
Arthur H. Sawyer, Insurance	25.40	
Clifford A. Sawyer, Insurance	11.41	
Mert Adams	7.50	
	<hr/>	\$1,765.20

*Moth Extermination*

Rockingham Tree Service, Spraying		\$255.00
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*Elm Tree Removal*

Rockingham Tree Service		\$48.00
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*Street Lighting*

Exeter & Hampton Electric Co.		\$762.74
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*General Expenses of Highway Department*

Daniel Stewart	\$31.52	
Ray Road Equipment	48.23	
Clarence W. Kinney	24.95	
Calvert Farm Equipment Co.	25.00	
Warren Kolb	18.00	
Exeter & Hampton Elec. Co.	69.34	
	<hr/>	\$217.04



*Library*

Cross Book Shop	\$54.16	
Cross Book Shop	36.96	
Sceva Speare Co.	6.25	
Anita Hamilton, Treasurer	102.90	
	<hr/>	\$200.27

*Town Poor*

Mrs. Olive E. Roxbury, Board	\$660.00	
Comeau's Market, Groceries	180.00	
Westville Market, Groceries	390.00	
R. E. Webber, Wood	40.00	
Exeter Hospital, Services	30.86	
Henry Saltonstall, M.D., Services	20.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,320.86

*Old Age Assistance*

State of New Hampshire	\$1,812.61
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*Memorial Day*

Flora Currier, Wreaths	\$38.00	
George E. Rollins, Expenses	19.36	
Arthur Comeau, Band	85.00	
Wason-MacDonald Co., Ice Cream	10.40	
Walker Beverages	10.00	
	<hr/>	\$162.76

*Selectmen's Special*

Fuller Regalia Co.	\$20.38	
J. H. Smith Co.	65.00	
John W. A. Green	3.00	
Daniel Stewart	50.20	
	<hr/>	\$138.58

*Dump*

Haverhill Hardware Co.	\$3.65	
Reed Sales & Service	77.83	
Labor on Dump Site	20.00	
Rush-A-Service	10.50	
Daniel Stewart, Labor and Gravel	25.00	
L. Edna Wright, Rent	150.00	
	<hr/>	\$286.98

*Town Maintenance*

## Winter :

Daniel Stewart, Payrolls, etc.	\$1,066.15	
Rock Asphalt Co.	14.86	
Haverhill Hardware Co.	63.77	
Clarence W. Kinney	14.95	
	<hr/>	\$1,159.73

## Summer :

Daniel Stewart, Payrolls, etc.	\$337.10	
Rock Asphalt Co.	77.01	
	<hr/>	\$414.11

*Parks and Playgrounds*

Daniel Stewart	\$10.70	
Warren Kolb	9.30	
	<hr/>	\$20.00

*Schools*

Atkinson School District	\$25,369.87
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*Cemeteries*

Daniel Stewart, Payrolls, etc.	\$300.75
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*Abatements Refunded*

Hazel Hanson	\$26.10	
Forest Hanson	11.43	
	<hr/>	\$37.53

*Dog Damage*

Albert Brooks, hens killed by dogs	\$5.00
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*Interest*

First National Bank, Derry, Notes 94 & 95	\$50.00
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*Forest Fires*

Austin B. Wason, Warden	\$227.95
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*Tar Gravel Roads*

Daniel Stewart, Payrolls	\$151.60	
Rock Asphalt Co., Roller	40.00	
Trimount Products Co., Oil	526.74	
	<hr/>	\$718.34

*Resurface Tar Roads*

Daniel Stewart, Payrolls, etc.	\$1,152.60	
Trimount Products Co., Oil	2,295.03	
	<hr/>	\$3,447.63

*Loans*

First National Bank, Derry, Note 94	\$1,000.00	
Haverhill National Bank, Haverhill, Mass., Temporary	2,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$3,000.00

*Emergency, Poverty Street*

## By Notice of Insufficiency

Daniel Stewart, Gravel and Labor	\$105.60	
George W. White, Meeting	10.00	
Robert Griffin, Meeting	10.00	
Daniel Stewart, Meeting	10.00	
	<hr/>	\$135.60

*Head Tax*

State of N. H., 1952	\$128.48	
State of N. H., 1953	1,177.48	
	<hr/>	\$1,305.96

*County Tax*

Earl Stockbridge		\$1,885.92
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*Tax Sale*

Harry B. Tuttle		\$1,029.05
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*Town Road Aid*

State of New Hampshire		\$200.53
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*Town Hall and Other Buildings*

Grange Hall Committee, Rent		\$400.00
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# REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF ATKINSON, N. H., ON DECEMBER 31, 1953

TRUST FUNDS—PURPOSE OF CREATION		HOW INVESTED		Amount of Principal	Balance of Income Beginning of Year	Rate of Interest	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance of Income End of Year
Date of Creation	These Funds are all Cemetery Funds								
1912 Aug. 1	Caroline Upton Cemetery Fund Donor, Caroline Upton	133944	Manchester Sav. Bank	\$100.00	\$1.29	3	\$3.05	\$3.02	\$1.32
1912 Oct. 16	Mary M. Tolman Cemetery Fund Donor, Mary M. Tolman	134649	Manchester Sav. Bank	100.00	48.86	3	4.49	6.00	47.35
1927 June 30	Susan E. Page Cemetery Fund Donor, Susan E. Page	147260	Manchester Sav. Bank	400.00	5.21	3	12.25	12.13	5.33
1930 July 7	Moses B. Stevens Cemetery Fund Donors, Frank E. Emerson, Minnie E. Emerson, Emerson	156040	Manchester Sav. Bank	200.00	6.56	3	6.23	6.17	6.62
1941 May 5	Tilton and Gentis Cemetery Fund Donors, Susie Freke and Kenneth Gentis	181108	Manchester Sav. Bank	150.00	7.66	3	4.76	5.00	7.42
1944 May 22	Samuel Smith Cemetery Fund Donor, Estate Mary Brennan	186539	Manchester Sav. Bank	100.00	.84	3	3.03	3.00	.87
1949 Feb. 7	Ada Whittaker Cemetery Fund Donor, Ada Whittaker	197649	Manchester Sav. Bank	150.00	3.51	3	4.63	4.60	3.54

1949	Mar. 15	Carlisle B. Mason Cemetery Fund Donor, Carlisle B. Mason	197781 Manchester Sav. Bank	160.00	4.38	3	4.95	5.00	4.33
1949	Mar. 22	James P. Lucy Cemetery Fund	197843 Manchester Sav. Bank	150.00	3.51	3	4.63	4.60	3.54
1949	May 27	Donor Gladys M. Lucy Edgar F. Shannon Cemetery Fund	198104 Manchester Sav. Bank	100.00	.82	3	3.03	3.03	.82
1950	Jan. 30	Donor, Estate Edgar F. Shannon Minna F. Weeks Cemetery Fund	199230 Manchester Sav. Bank	200.00	3.18	3	6.14	7.00	2.32
1904	July 14	Donor, Minna F. Weeks William C. Todd Cemetery Fund	154013 Amoskeag Sav. Bank	250.00	291.43	3	16.36	25.00	282.79
1908	Mar. 16	Donor, William C. Todd Sarah E. Knight Cemetery Fund	154743 Amoskeag Sav. Bank	100.00	83.51	3	5.54	9.50	79.55
1928	Nov. 27	Donor, Sarah E. Knight William B. Thomas Cemetery Fund	172937 Amoskeag Sav. Bank	110.00	11.65	3	3.37	3.50	11.52
1934	Jan. 29	Donor, William B. Thomas Elizabeth C. Clark Cemetery Fund	200115 Amoskeag Sav. Bank	1,000.00	127.64	3	34.07	35.00	126.71
1933	May 14	Donor, Susan M. Clark Paul and Elizabeth Heald Cemetery	206282 Amoskeag Sav. Bank	200.00	45.36	3	7.42	8.00	44.78
1935	Dec. 16	Donor, John Heald Mary G. Marble Cemetery Fund	208725 Amoskeag Sav. Bank	200.00	43.69	3	7.36	7.50	43.55
1936	Sept. 24	Donor, Lawrence Y. W. C. A. J. M. Goodrich Cemetery Fund	211807 Amoskeag Sav. Bank	150.00	14.20	3	4.95	5.00	14.15
1937	June 1	Donor, J. M. Goodrich Sawyer and Cross Cemetery Fund	214673 Amoskeag Sav. Bank	200.00	1.08	3	6.08	6.00	1.16
		Donors, Arthur H. Sawyer, Clifford Sawyer, E. E. Sawyer, Mary Cross, Herbert N. Sawyer							

1938	May	16	D. E. and Cora I. Bartlett Cemetery Fund, Donor, Cora I. Bartlett	218418 Amoskeag Sav. Bank	200.00	2.94	3	6.11	6.25	2.80
1939	Aug.	19	Emma F. Greenough Cemetery Fund Donor, Emma F. Greenough	223118 Amoskeag Sav. Bank	100.00	1.16	3	3.05	3.25	.96
1943	May	17	Geo. M. Wason Cemetery Fund Donor, Geo. M. Wason	235275 Amoskeag Sav. Bank	300.00	21.38	3	9.71	10.00	21.09
1946	May	25	George P. Dow Cemetery Fund Donor, Dr. Farley	247642 Amoskeag Sav. Bank	500.00	42.94	3	16.40	25.00	34.34
1946	Sept.	3	Cyrus Dinsmore Cemetery Fund Donor, Cyrus Dinsmore	248859 Amoskeag Sav. Bank	300.00	12.79	3	9.44	10.00	12.23
1947	July	28	Ida M. Perkins Cemetery Fund, Donor, Ida M. Perkins	252415 Amoskeag Sav. Bank	100.00	.47	3	3.02	3.00	.49
1952	Mar.	1	Paul A. Rich Cemetery Fund Donor, Paul A. Rich	269385 Amoskeag Sav. Bank	100.00	2.52	3	3.09	2.50	3.11
1952	May	23	Greenleaf Clarke Cemetery Fund Donor, Mrs. Asher Arnold	1 Share Am. Tel. & Tel. Co.				11.33*		
						8.86	Int.	.22	8.50	11.91
						\$5,610.00	\$797.44	\$204.71	\$227.55	\$774.60

\*Dividend, plus One Right.

ARTHUR H. SAWYER  
GLADYS N. JAMES  
BENJAMIN C. WOOD  
*Trustees*

## VITAL STATISTICS

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### *Births*

January 31, 1953. Joseph Alfred Consentino. Parents: Alfred B. Consentino and Gloria P. (Leveille) Consentino.

February 14, 1953. George Eric Cote. Parents: George E. Cote and Marie Y. (Roger) Cote.

February 22, 1953. Dennis James Sabatino. Parents: Rocco Sabatino and Alice P. (Illsley) Sabatino.

March 8, 1953. Cathy Rae Barnum. Parents: Raymond E. Barnum and Edna F. (Senter) Barnum.

June 11, 1953. Johan Oscar de Besche. Parents: Johan de Besche and Lucile (Farnsworth) de Besche.

June 9, 1953. Sherry Lyn Stewart. Parents: Daniel W. Stewart and Betty A. (Killey) Stewart.

July 18, 1953. Charline Ann McCarthy. Parents: Charles McCarthy and Joan (Butler) McCarthy.

September 29, 1953. Jean Noyes. Parents: Malcolm C. Noyes and Sylvia (Little) Noyes.

September 25, 1953. Roy Thomas French. Parents: George T. French and Barbara H. (Welch) French.

October 1, 1953. Mark Douglas Mercer. Parents: Robert T. Mercer and Lucinda M. (Cook) Mercer.

November 14, 1953. Susan Jane Post. Parents: James E. Post and Shirley M. (Burke) Post.

November 17, 1953. Kevin John Chabot. Parents: Rodolphe Chabot and Dolores (Sweeney) Chabot.

November 17, 1953. Wilbur Russell Moody. Parents: Wilbur R. Moody and Rita A. (Toshach) Moody.

November 26, 1953. Elizabeth Dudley Mallen. Parents: Charles A. Mallen and Mildred K. (Johnson) Mallen.

December 16, 1953. William Bassett Little. Parents: William Bilney Little and Beatrice Eileen (Currier) Little.

*Marriages*

April 17, 1953. Leonard J. Cote, Jr. of Atkinson, N. H., and Barbara M. Tracy of Haverhill, Mass. Married by Rev. T. B. Hadley at Hampstead, N. H.

May 19, 1953. Charles B. Woodworth and Elizabeth J. Bowen both of Haverhill, Mass. Married by Rev. T. B. Hadley at Atkinson, N. H.

July 18, 1953. George E. Kinney, Jr. of Atkinson, N. H., and Mary J. Borisko of Haverhill, Mass. Married by George B. Keezer, Justice of the Peace, at Plaistow, N. H.

August 15, 1953. George D. Sullivan of Middleton, Mass., and Mildred M. Lewis of Beverly, Mass. Married by Rev. T. B. Hadley at Atkinson, N. H.

October 6, 1953. George Clayton Maynard of Haverhill, Mass., and Dorothy A. Bartlett of Groveland, Mass. Married by Rev. T. B. Hadley at Atkinson, N. H.

November 21, 1953. Raymond H. Morelli of Atkinson, N. H., and Virginia E. Woodard of Sandown, N. H. Married by Rev. Wm. B. Wylie at Sandown, N. H.

December 1, 1953. Ross E. Colcord of Atkinson, N. H., and Barbara E. Bailey of Atkinson, N. H. Married by Rev. T. B. Hadley at Atkinson, N. H.

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*Deaths*

February 6, 1953. Walter J. Zeimis at Atkinson, N. H. Age 37 yrs. Parents: Joseph Zeimis and Carolyn (Adlis) Zeimis.

April 14, 1953. George C. Clark at Atkinson, N. H. Age 80 yrs. Parents: Ebenezer Clark and Mary E. (Roberts) Clark.

June 2, 1953. Ardviz Kachanian at Haverhill, Mass. Age 46 yrs. Parents: Sarkis Kachanian and Catherine (Enokian) Kachanian.

July 9, 1953. Ella J. Dyke at Atkinson, N. H. Age 85 yrs. Parents: Josiah Hinds and Betsey Wedge.

September 6, 1953. William Barnum at Concord, N. H. Age 85 yrs. Parents: Solomon Barnum and Clara (Hewitt) Barnum.



September 14, 1953. Milton A. Pressey at Exeter, N. H. Age 49 yrs. Parents: Charles I. Pressey and Mary (Hall) Pressey.

November 30, 1953. George Z. Lauzierre at Atkinson, N. H. Age 54 yrs. Parents: Israel Lauzierre and Celanise (Cyr) Lauzierre.

November 30, 1953. Lillian A. O'Rourke at Atkinson, N. H. Age 54 yrs. Parents: Liboire Perrault and Mary (Duff) Perrault.

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE KIMBALL PUBLIC LIBRARY

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The Trustees and the Librarian of the Kimball Library in starting the new year wished to obtain a reference encyclopedia. Having a much larger group of High School students, we realized it was badly needed; however, the Town having voted us the sum of \$200.00 and the encyclopedia price being \$150.00, we could not buy it. We decided to go to the State Library and ask for aid.

The Trustees and the Librarian have made two visits to Concord to meet with the Assistant State Librarian, much to our surprise we were told that we could not apply for aid as the Kimball Library had never functioned under State Library Standards and that the Trustees of the Library had never been organized according to State Rules.

In order to ask for aid at a later date we had to conform with the following rules:

1. To organize with a Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.
2. To handle all monies voted to the Library by the Town or through gifts. Records must be complete and the books duly audited.
3. Reports of Trustees to appear in the Town Report.
4. To have definite project to improve the Library.
5. To hold at least four meetings a year.
6. Trustees to have control of building and the hiring of Librarian and any assistants.
7. To purchase all books with Librarian.
8. Working money to be asked for at \$1.50 per capita.

We have received much help from the State Library as we now have the Bookmobile come to the Library with material we could not purchase. It will continue to go to the Rockwell School as always. Any person desiring books not obtainable in our Library may obtain them by leaving their request at the Library and they will be delivered from the State Library. There are

many books we could never have on our shelves as they are so costly and they would not be used enough to warrant buying them.

The State Assistant Librarian spent one day with us in our Library going over our books. We discarded many volumes fifty years old and over both fiction and technical. We were told our children's corner needed building up. She was most helpful as she recommended and advised us.

There is much to be desired in improving the room itself, we hope to have an Historical Room. We have many very old items that have been given to the Library. All this will come in time, we hope, through interested citizens. Our first and foremost thought at this time is to have our much-needed reference and children's books.

We feel we have taken a forward step and hope the citizens of the Town will show an interest in their Library, to visit and make use of it.

The Trustees will welcome recommendations at any time.

Respectfully submitted,

FLORENCE SCOTT,  
ANITA HAMILTON,  
MARJORIE P. BARNUM,  
*Trustees.*

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Received by the Kimball Public Library Trustees, balance of \$102.90 from the Town. Deposited in Merrimack National Bank December 16, 1953. The following purchases were made:

Dec. 31, 1953—Ck. No. 1 Mitchell & Co., Step stool	\$2.98
Dec. 31, 1953—Ck. No. 2 Cross Book Shop, Books	92.42
Dec. 31, 1953—Ck. No. 3 Mitchell & Co., Book	3.56
Dec. 31, 1953—Ck. No. 4 Casey Paper Co., Stamp	2.70

Total \$101.66

This leaves a balance of \$1.24 for Service Charge of Checking Account.

MARJORIE P. BARNUM, *Treasurer*  
*Kimball Public Library Trustees.*

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

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To the Trustees of the Kimball Public Library:

Late last summer, the Trustees and I made a visit to the State Library; principally for a conference with staff members.

It has been my belief for several years that we needed new book replacements, particularly in the non-fiction area. Through the cooperation of the State Library it was possible to have our shelves checked thoroughly by two competent members of their staff. They found a great many books to be worthless and invaluable and recommended they be discarded.

As the reading interests of our patrons are varied and the demands of many types of books are numerous, I hope it will be possible to purchase many new books this year, particularly technical and travel books. We are also in great need of a new set of encyclopedias.

Through the cooperation of the State Library we have obtained supplemental reading for High School students and special requests for our readers, not available in our own book stock. The Bookmobile has also left books at the Library at regular intervals and are greatly enjoyed.

The list of registrants was revised this year and the names of inactive borrowers withdrawn. There is no fee for anyone wishing to register.

The Library is opened every Tuesday evening, 7 to 9 and Saturday, 2 to 5 o'clock and we urge you to visit and use your Library whenever possible.

We have purchased 112 new books and the circulation has been 2,834.

I acknowledge with sincere appreciation the cooperation the Trustees have given me this year.

Respectfully submitted,

BEATRICE E. REYNOLDS,

*Librarian.*

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ANNUAL REPORT  
of the  
SCHOOL BOARD  
of the  
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ATKINSON  
NEW HAMPSHIRE

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## OFFICERS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ATKINSON

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*Board of Education*

Name	Term Expires
Austin B. Wason, Chairman	1955
Warren E. Kolb	1954
Kingdon H. Hamilton	1956
Harry B. Tuttle (elected annually)	Moderator
Malcolm C. Noyes (elected annually)	District Clerk
L. Edna Wright (elected annually)	District Treasurer
Harlon C. Dyke (elected annually)	District Auditor
Philo A. Hutcheson (elected annually)	District Auditor
Warren E. Kolb (appointed)	Truant Officer and School Census Taker
Jonathan A. Osgood	Superintendent of Schools

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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*To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town of Atkinson qualified to vote in district affairs:*

You are hereby notified to meet at the Grange Hall in said district on the eleventh day of March, 1954, at 7:30 o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of the school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriations of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state equalization fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.
9. To see if the district will authorize the school board to make application for and to receive, in the name of the district,

such advances, grants-in-aid or other funds for educational purposes as may now or hereafter be forthcoming from Federal, State, local or private agencies.

10. To transact any further business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands at said Atkinson this twelfth day of February, 1954.

AUSTIN B. WASON,  
WARREN E. KOLB,  
KINGDON H. HAMILTON,

*School Board.*

The Polls will be open to vote for District Officers from 7:30 to 8:30 P.M. The other articles of the Warrant will be taken up at 8:30 o'clock.



## FINANCIAL REPORT

of the Atkinson School District for the Fiscal Year beginning  
July 1, 1952, and ending June 30, 1953.

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 CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. The accounts are kept in accordance with Section 24 of Chapter 82 of the Revised Laws of New Hampshire 1942, and upon forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission.

J. A. OSGOOD,  
*Superintendent.*

AUSTIN B. WASON,  
WARREN E. KOLB,  
KINGDON H. HAMILTON,

July 7, 1953

*School Board.*

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 RECEIPTS

## State Aid:

Foundation Aid		\$4,393.71
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## Local Taxation:

Current Appropriation	\$25,869.87	
Special Appropriations	500.00	
Total		<u>\$26,369.87</u>

Total Net Receipts from All Sources		<u>\$30,763.58</u>
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Cash on hand at beginning of Year,

July 1, 1952

General Fund	\$695.40	
Capital Outlay Fund	242.00	
Total		<u>\$937.40</u>

Grand Total Net Receipts		<u>\$31,700.98</u>
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## REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

for the

Fiscal Year July 1, 1952 to June 30, 1953

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SUMMARY

Cash on hand July 1, 1952		
(Treasurer's balance)		\$937.40
Received from Town of Atkinson:	\$26,369.87	
Received from State of New Hampshire	4,393.71	
Total Receipts	<hr/>	\$30,763.58
Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year		
(Balance and Receipts)		\$31,700.98
Less School Board Orders Paid		<hr/> 27,636.38
Balance on hand June 30, 1953		
(Treasurer's bank balance)		\$4,064.60
July 9, 1953	L. EDNA WRIGHT,	
	<i>District Treasurer.</i>	

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AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Atkinson, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1953, and find them correct in all respects.

HARLON C. DYKE,  
PHILO A. HUTCHESON,

July 12, 1953

*Auditors.*

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

Date	Payer	Description	Amount
1952			
July 1—	Balance—	Cash on hand	\$937.40
Sept. 11—	Town of Atkinson—	1952-53 Appropriation	2,000.00
Oct. 17—	Town of Atkinson—	1952-53 Appropriation	4,000.00
Nov. 14—	State of New Hampshire—	State Aid	4,393.71
1953			
Jan. 19—	Town of Atkinson—	1952-53 Appropriation	5,000.00
Mar. 3—	Town of Atkinson—	1952-53 Appropriation	4,000.00
May 16—	Town of Atkinson—	1952-53 Appropriation	4,000.00
June 24—	Town of Atkinson—	1952-53 Approp., Bal.	7,369.87
Total Receipts During Year			<hr/> \$31,700.98

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

1952 - 1953

## Salaries of District Officers

Harlon C. Dyke	\$5.00	
Philo Hutcheson	5.00	
Warren E. Kolb	100.00	
Malcolm Noyes	5.00	
Ernest Scott	100.00	
Harry B. Tuttle	5.00	
Austin B. Wason	125.00	
L. Edna Wright	30.00	
	<hr/>	\$375.00

## Superintendent's Salary

Supervisory Union No. 55	\$253.40
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## Tax for State Supervision

N. H. State Treasurer	\$210.00
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## Salaries of Administrative Personnel

Warren E. Kolb (Truant Officer and Census Taker)	\$45.00	
Supervisory Union No. 55	109.22	
	<hr/>	\$154.22

## Supplies and Other Expenses

American School Board Journal	\$6.75	
D. J. Casey Paper Company	8.75	
N. H. School Boards Association	5.00	
Petty Cash, Treasurer's Office	10.00	
Rush-A-Service	10.85	
Supervisory Union No. 55	162.43	
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		\$203.78

## Principals' and Teachers' Salaries

Alice Scott (\$2,550.00)	\$1,985.80	
Helen Dwyer (\$1,458.45)	1,051.60	
Charles B. Yeaton (\$2,600.00)	2,052.82	
Stella M. Olsen (\$1,229.85)	936.32	
Vincent Carroll	19.60	
Dorothy Duston	26.60	
Director of Internal Revenue	1,137.70	
National Education Association	15.00	
N. H. State Teachers' Association	18.00	
N. H. Teachers' Retirement System	557.79	
N. H.-Vt. Hospitalization Service	75.20	
Norma Ordway	4.60	
Dorothea S. Roth	26.85	
Rosa French	6.40	
Carlton Thorne	4.35	
Supervisory Union No. 55	451.42	
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		\$8,370.05

## Books and Other Instructional Aids

Allyn and Bacon	\$31.72
American Book Company	26.07
C. C. Birchard Company	4.00
Cadmus Books, E. M. Hale	36.42
Community Sales	5.50
Ginn & Company	57.51
Houghton Mifflin Company	34.44
Lippincott and Company	1.63
Lyons and Carnahan	1.85
Macmillan Company	13.70
Row, Peterson Company	65.46

Scott, Foresman Company	144.82	
Charles Scribners Sons	9.08	
L. W. Singer	30.46	
Sceva Speare Company	1.75	
Silver Burdett Company	36.14	
Supervisory Union No. 55	6.97	
J. C. Winston Company	25.64	
	<hr/>	\$537.16

## Scholars' Supplies

The Bond Company	\$8.72	
D. J. Casey Paper Company	1.80	
Cambosco Scientific Company	1.55	
Follett Publishing Company	14.96	
J. L. Hammett Company	23.49	
Houghton Mifflin Company	6.19	
Macmillan Company	5.45	
Mainco Trading Company	47.50	
Milton Bradley Company	140.50	
Row, Peterson & Company	4.14	
Scott, Foresman and Company	12.57	
Silver Burdett Company	8.02	
Supervisory Union No. 55	26.99	
J. C. Winston Company	5.00	
	<hr/>	\$306.88

## Salaries of Clerical Assistants

Supervisory Union No. 55	\$100.00
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## Other Instructional Expenses

Baker Science Packet	\$3.08
Beacon Musical Instrument Company	2.89
Boston Music Company	5.81
California Test Bureau	3.24
Cambosco Scientific Company	26.73
Children's Reading Service	7.79
Enrichment Records	11.68
J. L. Hammett Company	14.82
Lyons Band Instrument Company	8.97
Moore-Cottrell Agencies	14.65
National Education Association	5.16

New England Tel. & Tel. Company	107.45	
Plays	4.00	
Petty Cash—Treasurer's Office	22.68	
Row, Peterson Company	1.64	
Benjamin Sanborn Company	8.09	
Scott, Foresman Company	38.82	
Supervisory Union No. 55	92.10	
University of New Hampshire	19.50	
John C. Winston Company	1.30	
World Book Company	10.48	
	<hr/>	\$410.88

## Salaries of Janitors

Thayer Illsley	\$557.08	
Director of Internal Revenue	10.92	
	<hr/>	\$568.00

## Fuel or Heat

K. H. Duston		\$535.43
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## Water, Light and Other Expenses

Exeter & Hampton Electric Company	\$428.88	
Masury Young Company	9.40	
Milton Bradley Company	103.43	
Supervisory Union No. 55	2.15	
Waxine Company	16.35	
	<hr/>	\$560.21

## Repairs and Replacements

Demers Plate Glass Company	\$16.75	
William Ela	96.20	
Estate of Ward Wright	33.45	
Goodyear Service	49.99	
Haverhill Hardware	4.45	
C. Henry Lenz	10.50	
Rudolph McGirr	196.54	
E. E. Reynolds	12.50	
Smith Fire Equipment Company	2.75	
David Stewart	8.00	
Supervisory Union No. 55	2.04	
	<hr/>	\$433.17

## Health Supervision

Dr. R. E. Moore	\$100.00	
Peever's Drug Store	7.85	
R. S. Sawyer Company	3.08	
Supervisory Union No. 55	419.24	
	<hr/>	\$530.17

## Transportation

Robert Hotchkiss	\$1,800.00	
Ward Wright	200.00	
	<hr/>	\$2,000.00

## Tuition

City of Haverhill, Mass.	\$5,250.84	
Salem School District	661.12	
Sanborn Seminary	543.00	
	<hr/>	\$6,454.96

## Special Fund Activities

Haverhill Rubber Company		\$50.00
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## State Retirement

N. H. Teachers' Retirement System	\$463.38	
Supervisory Union No. 55	74.27	
	<hr/>	\$537.65

## Insurance, Bonds and Expenses

Arthur H. Sawyer		\$142.40
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## Additions and Improvements to Buildings

Haverhill Chain Link Fence	\$255.00	
Rockingham Tree Service Company	146.50	
Daniel Stewart	175.00	
Nelson Tisdale	483.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,059.50

## New Equipment

Atherton Furniture Company	\$17.06	
Guy Beal	4.12	
J. L. Hammett Company	14.51	
Mainco Trading Company	126.80	
Paris Manufacturing Company	11.05	
	<hr/>	\$173.54

## Payments of Principal of Debt

First National Bank of Boston	\$2,000.00	
Merrimack National Bank of Haverhill	1,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$3,000.00

## Payments of Interest on Debt

First National Bank of Boston	\$650.00	
Merrimack National Bank of Haverhill	19.98	
	<hr/>	\$669.98

Grand Total		<hr/>	\$27,636.38
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## SCHOOL YEAR 1952 - 1953

	*Share of Superintendent's Salary	Per Capita Tax**
Atkinson School District	\$253.40	\$210.00
Hampstead School District	404.08	364.00
Newton School District	486.89	304.00
Plaistow School District	761.11	594.00
Salem School District	2,619.52	2,018.00
State of New Hampshire	2,275.00	
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Total Salary	\$6,800.00	

\*\*Paid to the State for Supervision on the basis of \$2 per pupil on the enrollment of the previous year.

## PAYMENTS

	Total Amount	Distribution of Expenditures General Expense      High School      Elem. Schools
Administration:		
Salaries of district officers	\$375.00	\$375.00
Superintendent's salary (local share)	253.40*	253.40
Tax for state wide supervision	210.00**	\$8.00
Salaries of other administrative personnel	154.22	154.22
Supplies and expenses	203.78	203.78
Instruction:		
Teachers' salaries	8,370.05	8,370.05
Books and other instructional aids	537.16	537.16
Scholars' supplies	306.88	306.88
Salaries of clerical assistants	100.00	100.00
Supplies and other expenses	410.88	410.88
Operation of School Plant:		
Salaries of janitors	568.00	568.00
Fuel or heat	535.43	535.43
Water, light, supplies and expenses	560.21	560.21
Maintenance of School Plant:		
Repairs and replacements	433.17	433.17

Auxiliary Activities:				
Health Supervision	530.17			530.17
Transportation	2,000.00			2,000.00
Tuition	6,454.96		6,304.96	150.00
Special activities and funds	50.00			50.00
Fixed Charges:				
Retirement	537.65			537.65
Insurance, treas. bond and expenses	142.40			142.40
Total Net Current Expenses	22,733.36		6,312.96	16,420.40
Capital Outlay:				
Additions and improvements to buildings (Includes \$242.00 Building Account)	1,059.50			1,059.50
New equipment	173.54			173.54
Debt and Interest:				
Principal of debt	3,000.00	\$3,000.00		
Interest on debt	669.98	669.98		
Total Net Payments for All Purposes	\$27,636.38	\$3,669.98	\$6,312.96	\$17,653.44
Cash on hand at end of year (June 30, 1953)				
General Fund	4,064.60			
Grand Total	\$31,700.98			

## BUDGET WORK SHEET

This is a presentation of the budget work sheet upon which your School Board is operating during 1953-54 and their proposed expenses for the year 1954-55. It must be taken into consideration that monies appropriated in the month of March, to be used the following year do not necessarily correspond in individual items, because of the impossibility of projecting the rising price indexes twelve months hence.

## THE ATKINSON SCHOOL BOARD

	Expended	Approp.	Proposed
	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>			
Salaries of District Officers	\$375.00	\$375.00	\$375.00
Superintendent's Salary	253.40	283.50	279.00
Tax for State Wide Supervision	210.00	208.00	212.00
Salaries of Adm. Personnel	154.22	181.16	240.74
Supplies and Other Expenses	203.78	213.18	187.71
<b>INSTRUCTION</b>			
Salaries of Teachers and Principals	8,370.05	8,616.32	11,668.69
Books and Other Instructional Aids	537.16	200.00	275.00
Scholars' Supplies	306.88	200.00	250.00
Salaries of Clerical Assistants	100.00	100.00	100.00
Other Instructional Expenses	410.88	379.72	401.39
<b>OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT</b>			
Salaries of Janitors	568.00	635.00	600.00
Fuel or heat	535.43	700.00	600.00
Water, Light, and Other Expenses	428.88	410.75	430.00
Janitor Supplies	131.33	100.00	125.00

## MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT

Repairs and Replacements 433.17 165.00 300.00

## AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES

Health Supervision 530.17 538.72 467.90

Transportation 2,000.00 2,300.00 2,644.00

Tuition 6,454.96 8,000.00 8,250.00

Special Fund Activities 50.00 100.00 50.00

## FIXED CHARGES

State Retirement 537.65 555.21 840.82

Insurance, Bonds, and Expenses 142.40 150.00 100.00

## CAPITAL OUTLAY

Additions and Imp. to Property 1,059.50 150.00 280.68

Equipment 173.54 100.00 100.00

Contingency Fund

## DEBT, INTEREST AND OTHER CHARGES

Payments of Principal of Debt 3,000.00 2,999.00 2,000.00

Payments of Interest on Debt 669.98 600.00 550.00

## Totals

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 \$27,636.38 \$28,260.56 \$31,327.93
 

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## INCOME

	Received 1952-53	Received 1953-54	Estimated Receipts 1954-55
Cash on hand			
From Town Appropriation	\$937.40	\$3,724.60	
State Aid	26,369.87	17,127.17	25,420.66
	4,393.71	7,408.79	5,907.27
Total Income	\$31,700.98	\$28,260.56	\$31,327.93

\*Balance Town Appropriation for School Purposes.

†Balance from Savings in School Account.

## BALANCE SHEET - JUNE 30, 1953

<i>Assets</i>		<i>Liabilities</i>	
Cash on hand June 30, 1953	\$4,064.60	Encumbered:	
		Painting	\$240.00
Total Assets	\$4,064.60	Refinishing Desks	100.00
Net Debt (Excess of Liabilities over Assets)	\$22,274.40	Notes and Bonds Outstanding	25,999.00
		Total Liabilities	\$26,339.00
Grand Total	\$26,339.00	Grand Total	\$26,339.00

## STATUS OF SCHOOL NOTES AND BONDS

Name of Building or Project for which Notes or Bonds were Issued. Rockwell School	
Outstanding at Beginning of year	\$28,999.00
Payments of Principal of Debt	3,000.00
Notes and Bonds Outstanding at End of Year	\$25,999.00

## MINUTES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

March 12, 1953

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by the moderator, Harry B. Tuttle, who, after reading the warrant, declared the polls to be open. The polls were closed at 8:30 P.M., and it was

VOTED: to postpone the counting of ballots until after the close of the business meeting.

Under Article 5—On motion duly made and seconded, the following salaries and compensations were fixed and determined:

School Board Members	\$325.00
Truant Officer	20.00
Census Taker	25.00
Moderator	5.00
Clerk	5.00
Treasurer	30.00
Auditors	10.00
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	\$420.00

Under Article 6—On motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: to approve the annual report of the School Board as printed.

Under Article 8—On motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: that the school district raise and appropriate \$28,060.56 and authorize and direct the school board to apply against said appropriation such income as is estimated by the school board exclusive of state aid, and upon determination of the amount of state aid to be received by the school district during the next fiscal year, to authorize and direct the school board to apply against such appropriation the sum to be received from state aid and with the school district clerk certify to the selectmen the balance as an assessment to be raised by the town for school purposes.



Under Article 9—A motion duly made and seconded concerning the possible purchase of some property opposite the present school property was voted upon by Australian ballot and was defeated, there being 32 votes cast in the affirmative and 35 votes cast in the negative.

Under Article 10—On motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED: to raise and appropriate \$200.00 for the purpose of extending the bus route to pick up children living on Providence Hill in front of their homes.

Under Article 11—On motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED: to authorize the school board to make application for and to receive, in the name of the district, such advances, grants-in-aid, or other funds for educational purposes as may now or hereafter be forthcoming from federal, state, local, or private agencies.

State Representative Lillian R. Brock described briefly a bill before the State Legislature concerning additional state aid to districts educating state wards.

At the invitation of the School Board and with the consent of the voters present, Superintendent Osgood made a few remarks relative to education in Atkinson.

Chairman Wason paid a brief tribute to Ernest R. Scott, retiring member of the School Board.

10:15 P.M. On motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED: to adjourn.

Ballots were counted, and the following officers were declared elected:

Moderator for one year	Harry B. Tuttle
Clerk for one year	Malcolm C. Noyes
Member of the School Board for three years	Kingdon H. Hamilton
Treasurer for one year	Lillian E. Wright
Auditor for one year	Harlon C. Dyke
Auditor for one year	Philo A. Hutcheson

Respectfully submitted,

MALCOLM C. NOYES,

*Clerk.*

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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To the School Board and Citizens of Atkinson:

This, my fourth Annual Report as Superintendent of your schools, includes information as usually reported by the Music Supervisor, the Elementary Consultant and the School Nurse-teacher and is followed by a report of Principal Charles Yeaton.

### PERSONNEL

We are fortunate to have retained the three regular teachers whom we had last year, Charles Yeaton as principal and teacher of 41 pupils in grades 5 through 8, Mrs. Helen Dwyer—teaching grades 3 and 4 for the second year, and Mrs. Alice Scott continuing as teacher in grades 1 and 2 for the 9th year in Atkinson.

The Atkinson teachers have continued membership in the local, state and national professional teachers' organizations and have continued to take special courses when possible.

Miss Gwendolyn Curtis continues her capable work as School Nurse-teacher in the schools of Atkinson, Hampstead, Newton and Plaistow.

To replace Charlton Thorne, the School Board selected Mrs. Dorice Grillo of Haverhill as Music Supervisor for the current year. Mrs. Grillo is a 1952 graduate of Lowell Teachers' College and had taught music for one year in Holyoke, Massachusetts.

As a result of the continued effort and outstanding ability of Miss Natalie Hopkins, Elementary Consultant for Supervisory Union No. 55, the Rockwell School teachers have had the advantage of many professional meetings and consultations pertaining to their work with children. Miss Hopkins has worked with various individual pupils and parents in attempts to assist in overcoming difficulties on the part of those individual pupils.

Although teachers' salaries continue to increase each year, there is still a tremendous shortage of teachers throughout our state and nation, and a large annual turn-over exists in many communities.

All school personnel deserves commendation for their efforts and accomplishments.

## CENSUS AND ENROLLMENT

From a comparison of the 1953 census figures with those of the past two years, it is evident that our school enrollment will show more of an increase during the next few years. The present enrollment, including from 2 to 4 grades per room, provides too many children—especially in the upper four grades—per teacher to provide the greatest educational opportunity for the children. It would be good judgment to provide an additional teacher for the 1954-55 school year in order to reduce the number of grades per room and the number of children per teacher. The School Board has budgeted for an additional teacher who would work with various groups of upper grade children in the kitchen area of the building. Departmentalization of this type is not too common a practice with middle grade children but is often carried on where circumstances warrant. It is a preferred practice, however, with 7th and 8th grade pupils in instances where there can be some specialization of subject matter on the part of teachers. This proposal would eliminate the necessity of having 40 or more children in 4 grades in one room.

From the School and Family Census which was taken for the first time last September, we note that there have been 29 houses, which is 16% of the 182 total, constructed in Atkinson since 1943. A total of only 20 Atkinson homes—or approximately 11% are rented. On the basis of the increase of 13% in the population between 1940 and 1950, and the number of new homes which are being constructed, it is likely that the population of Atkinson will continue to increase. The above increases, however, have not been as great as the increases in the surrounding state border communities of Salem, Plaistow, and Newton. A brief tabulation of other summarizations and comparisons of the above-mentioned census follows this report.

## BOOKS, TEACHING AIDS, CURRICULUM AND EXTRA SERVICES

Due to a reasonably liberal budget for books and supplies during the past few years, the Atkinson children have been provided with new books as needed; many of the deficiencies of former years have been overcome. Other than to increase the numbers of textbooks per grade as the numbers of children in the various grades increase from year to year, our present needs are limited to replacement of present sets of books as they become worn and to provide more supplementary reading materials in the lower grades. The School Board has been able to reduce the budget for textbooks for the coming school year. Atkinson children have been well supplied with other necessary supplies, and the budget for these items should remain about the same as in past years.

The teachers, through access to a reasonable allowance for films, have made excellent use of the motion picture projector and many interesting and valuable audio-visual programs have been shown to the children.

During the past year standardized achievement tests have been given to all pupils and mental ability tests have been given to pupils in grades 4 and 8. It is our objective to see that all pupils work to their capacity.

In the field of music, under the supervision of Mrs. Dorice Grillo, the program for the primary grades includes rote songs, elementary music theory, folk-dancing, singing games, and music reading. The first grade has done some rhythm band work. Grades five and six are studying two-part music and the seventh and eighth grades are learning three-part songs. All upper grades are studying elementary music theory.

Miss Curtis, the School Nurse-teacher, has continued her capable work of maintaining and improving the health of the school children. Medical examinations have been given children in grades 1, 3, 5, and 7 by Dr. Moore of Hampstead, and a successful follow-up program will be carried out through the cooperation of parents. Every child has received a complete hearing and visual test, and the regular health program includes the annual screening of eyes and a color perception test. A pre-school

clinic was held last spring in conjunction with pre-school registration of the children who entered the first grade last September.

### BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT

Your school board has continued to keep the school building and yard in excellent condition. During the past year, the interior of two rooms and the corridor were painted.

Expenditures which have been made on the school heating plant during the past year should save money in cost of fuel and provide a better distribution of heat.

The proposed budget for 1954-1955, provides for additional furniture and chalk and bulletin boards for the kitchen area.

### FINANCES

School costs continue to require a relatively large percent of the tax dollar throughout our community as well as throughout the state and nation.

Since the revisions of the state aid program by our 1951 and 1953 State Legislatures, the amount of state aid apportioned to any community is dependent upon the adjusted valuation and the school population—as well as the total amount appropriated by the legislature. As Atkinson is one of the poorer communities from the standpoint of wealth per pupil based on adjusted valuation, it is hoped that our state aid program will continue with greater appropriations by the State Legislature. This need is more generally shown by the following facts: Of the 48 supervisory unions in New Hampshire during the 1951-52 school year, only 7 had a higher average daily membership than that of this supervisory union with 1,801.8 pupils. 24 of the 48 supervisory unions had a higher total 1950 adjusted valuation than Supervisory Union No. 55, with \$14,876,607, and on the basis of the adjusted valuation per pupil this supervisory union with \$8,257 is 4th from the lowest. The adjusted valuation per pupil on a supervisory union basis varies throughout New Hampshire from a high of \$32,020 in Berlin to a low of \$7,420 in the Charlestown area. The average per-pupil wealth in New Hampshire according to the 1950 adjusted valuation was \$13,897.25.

Community organizations (as further mentioned in Mr. Yeaton's report) are to be commended for their continued support.

Again, I wish to thank the members of the school board, the school personnel, children and citizens of Atkinson for their continued cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

JONATHAN A. OSGOOD,

*Superintendent of Schools.*

The following tabulation shows the enrollment in the Rockwell School with grade assignments as of September 18, 1953:

### Enrollment and Grade Assignment

Teacher	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Alice Scott	14	13							27
Helen Dwyer			16	17					33
Charles Yeaton					18	7	8	6	39
Grand Total									<hr/> 99

### SUMMARY OF CENSUS FIGURES

Age Groups	Total 1951	Total 1952	Total 1953
Less than 1	10	15	10
1	9	12	12
2	9	13	15
3	17	8	14
4	10	21	10
5	12	9	20
6	18	12	12
7	17	18	13
8	18	18	17
9	12	15	15
10	7	11	16
11	7	10	12
12	4	9	7
13	6	5	7
14	13	5	5
15	7	15	3
16	6	5	15
17	8	7	3
18	1	1	7
Totals	<hr/> 191	<hr/> 209	<hr/> 213

SUPERVISORY UNION NO. 55  
Office of the Superintendent of Schools  
Salem, New Hampshire

February 1, 1954

The following tabulation (a result of the School and Family Census taken September, 1953) shows a comparison between the districts in Supervisory Union No. 55\* in total number of homes, percent of homes rented and not rented, percent of homes with and without children (birth to and including 18 year of age), average number of children per home (including all homes) and number of children per home with children.

District	Total Number of Homes	Percent of Homes With Children	Percent of Homes Without Children	Percent of all Homes that are Rented	Percent of all Homes Not Rented	Total Number of Children per Home	Average No. of Children per Home With Children
Atkinson	175	54	46	12	88	1.17	2.24
Newton	378	45	55	**	**	.97	2.2
Plaistow	647	50	50	11	89	1.1	2.2
Salem	1,656	56	44	22	78	1.2	2.2

\* Hampstead did not use the same census form.

\*\* Not figured because of large number of homes not reported in census on this particular item.



## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE ROCKWELL SCHOOL

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To the School Board and to Mr. Jonathan A. Osgood, Superintendent of Schools:

As we look back upon a year's work and attempt to summarize our accomplishments, we can better see the more successful areas of our program and also look forward to improving those activities which may have been somewhat neglected.

Our small group of teachers and supervisors has worked closely together to make the education of Atkinson children a truly cooperative affair. All are sincerely interested in each child and hope to develop in him, to the greatest possible extent, his potentialities and special talents. A general assumption of the purpose of elementary school is that it should prepare children for high school. In addition to this, we also hope to develop attitudes and understandings which will help every individual to lead a happy and successful life and to contribute a part to the betterment of the society about him.

To further these objectives during the past year, the staff at Rockwell School has spent countless hours in preparation and presentation of worthwhile projects and material. Much time is spent in critically evaluating these varied activities through informal teacher discussions and by studying carefully the results of the testing program.

In addition to this, we have all been interested in improving the effectiveness of our teaching through the reading of educational publications and attendance at courses and workshops.

In addition to the usual classroom work, we have engaged in numerous other varied activities. The children have contributed to such projects as the March of Dimes and the Junior Red Cross. The annual pre-school clinic was held last spring for the children who were to enter school last September.

Several times a year, the Bookmobile brings books from the New Hampshire State Library to supplement our library. Recently we have been trying to increase reading for enjoyment by class discussion of worthwhile books which might be selected by the children from the Bookmobile.

The film programs have become increasingly valuable over the last three years. Films are selected to supplement or make clearer the regular daily work.

During the past year many children have been provided with health services which they would not have obtained otherwise. The program, supervised by Miss Curtis, the school nurse, has included:

1. Medical examinations by a physician
2. Vision, hearing, and color perception tests
3. Tuberculosis patch tests
4. Health films
5. Many home visits

The music supervisor, Mrs. Grillo, spends one-half day each week at Rockwell School. The primary objectives of the music program are to provide a greater appreciation for music through understanding and to gain in the ability to participate in music activities. The rhythm band of the primary grades has continued to be an important part in several of our public programs.

This year Mrs. Grillo has divided the upper grade room into two groups with each class having a full music period. The seventh and eighth grades are now able to progress more rapidly without the fifth and sixth grades being neglected.

Unfortunately, due to the lack of a qualified instructor, we have been unable as yet to continue the instrumental music program instituted last year. It is gratifying to see that several pupils have been able to continue their lessons with private teachers and we sincerely hope that we may again be able to provide instrumental lessons in the near future.

During the past year, the children have had several opportunities to present programs before public gatherings. On Memorial Day, the children again assisted at the Town's annual observ-

ance of the day. In the graduation exercises last June, the eighth grade attempted to summarize the many improvements which have been brought about in this school system during their eight years here. The Good Citizenship Medal, given by the Sons of the American Revolution, was awarded to Margaret White. In December, all children participated in the program for the P. T. A. Christmas party.

In addition to these public programs, this year we have started holding assembly programs to observe the more important holidays. These simple exercises have been largely planned and presented by the pupils themselves. On Armistice Day, the pupils' program was supplemented by a much appreciated talk by Rev. Theodore Hadley, the local minister. We hope that these activities are being of benefit to the children by giving them experience in appearing before groups other than their own classes as well as by making the real spirit of these special days more meaningful.

The parents deserve much credit for their interest and cooperation. A large number of parents who visited on Parents' Day, held during American Education Week, enjoyed an opportunity to see the school at work with its daily activities. The continual increase in attendance at P. T. A. meetings has been very gratifying. Here parents and teachers have the chance to discuss and thereby arrive at a better understanding of the children's problems and capabilities. We hope that even more parents will take advantage of the opportunity to enjoy and benefit by the worthwhile programs which are planned for future meetings. The P. T. A. should also be commended for its support of the milk program and for its sponsorship and assistance in carrying out the immunization clinic held here last spring.

In closing, I wish to thank all those who have in any way contributed to the successful operation of Rockwell School, whether it be through their time and effort or by their continual high interest in and support of the activities of the school.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES YEATON,

*Principal.*

## ATKINSON COMMUNITY FAIR REPORT

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The Atkinson Community Fair was held Friday and Saturday, October 16 and 17, 1953. The Fair Committee was composed of the appointed Chairman, Mr. Robert Griffin, and representatives from the various participating organizations. This group set up the program and laid out the Fair grounds plan which incorporated the use of the Grange Hall, the Center School House, and adjoining properties. The program consisted of a Friday evening Minstrel Show, Industrial, Agricultural and Club exhibits (prizes were given to winners in these exhibits), chance games, raffles, an auction, and a Saturday evening supper.

Larger than in recent years, the Fair completely sold out for the Minstrel Show and Supper, attracted many visitors to its exhibits and sales tables, and satisfied the Industrial Exhibitors, who reported a definite interest in coming back another year.

The Committee has voted that the net proceeds from the Fair shall be equally divided between the Fire Department for personnel protective equipment, and the Library for a reference encyclopedia and other necessary material. The total net returns to date are \$540.00, with some minor receipts due.

Respectfully submitted,

ANITA H. HAMILTON,

*Secretary, Fair Committee.*







## TEAM WORK IS DOING THE JOB!

Residents of Atkinson are to be congratulated for their fine cooperation with forest fire officials during 1953.

Fifty written permits were issued during the year, and each one of these fires was kept under proper control. In addition, several oral permits were given to deputy wardens and to officers of the Fire Department. Only a few violations were noted throughout the year.

Last winter, much like the present one, was relatively free of snow; and there were three grass fires during January and February. All three were fortunately extinguished before serious damage resulted; but all three were results of minor violations of forest fire laws, and they serve to point up the good common sense of these laws.

Remember, summer or winter, **UNLESS THE GROUND IS COVERED WITH SNOW, A WRITTEN PERMIT IS REQUIRED FOR KINDLING A FIRE.**

An incinerator must be of an approved type, with a cover, and must be in an approved location to be exempt from the foregoing.

Don't be a violator in 1954. It is well to remember that forest fire laws are created for a purpose, and foremost in that purpose is the protection of YOUR life and property.

AUSTIN B. WASON, Forest Fire Warden.

MERTON A. WEBBER, District Chief.